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SUBJ: STARR KIDNAPPING; MEETING WITH MANCHOLA

1. MANCHOLA ARRIVED IN BOGOTA YESTERDAY IN RESPONSE TO SORZANO'S EFFORTS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND THE TWO MET LAST NIGHT, MAY 10. MANCHOLA SAID THAT HE HAD FAILED TO SHOW UP AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR THE APRIL 28 MEETING BECAUSE FARC HAD TOLD HIM NOT TO COME TO BOGOTA. HE SAID HE HAD NO MESSAGE TO DELIVER TO SORZANO BUT THAT FARC HAD INFORMED HIM THAT THEY WOULD BE SENDING A LETTER TO THE RADIO STATION IN NEIVA. FARC HAD ASKED MANCHOLA TO CONTACT THEM SOME TIME AFTER MAY 10 AT WHICH TIME THEY SAID THEY WOULD GIVE HIM PROOF THAT THE PACKAGES SENT BY MRS. JENSEN HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO STARR.

2. SORZANO SAID THAT HE ASSUMED THAT BY NOW MANCHOLA MUST KNOW THAT GUARACAS, THE PRISONER THAT FARC WANTED RELEASED, HAD BEEN FREED ON APRIL 28. SORZANO ADDED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH GUARACAS' ATTORNEY ON THE MORNING OF MAY 10 AND CONFIRMED THAT GUARACAS HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL. SORZANO TOLD MANCHOLA THAT, GIVEN THIS SITUATION, HE SHOULD CONVEY TO THE FARC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AN APPEAL FROM MRS. JENSEN THAT THEY MAKE GOOD ON THEIR PROMISE TO RELEASE HER SON ONCE GUARACAS WAS FREED. SORZANO HANDED OVER TO MANCHOLA

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A LETTER TO FARC FROM MRS. JENSEN TO THIS EFFECT.

3. MANCHOLA SEEMED MUCH RELIEVED BY THE NEWS OF GUARACAS' RELEASE AND VOLUNTEERED THAT HE BELIEVED FARC WOULD NOW FREE STARR. MANCHOLA SAID HE WOULD BE DEPARTING FOR NEIVA THE MORNING OF MAY 11 AND EXPECTED TO DELIVER MRS. JENSEN'S MESSAGE TO THE FARC WITHIN FIVE DAYS. AT THAT SAME TIME HE

EXPECTED TO RECEIVE FROM THEM THE PROMISED CONFIRMATION
THAT STARR HAD BEEN GIVEN THE PACKAGES SENT BY HIS MOTHER.
MANCHOLA AND SORZANO AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON MAY 25 IF STARR
HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED BY THAT TIME. ASECIO

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